

IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED EXECUTIVE ORDER
ON NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION ON THE WORK OF THE AGENCY

The major impact of the proposed Executive order on National Security Information on the work of the Agency is the elimination of the requirement to conduct a systematic review program for declassification or permanently valuable classified records as they become twenty years old. This program, required under E.O. 12065, has cost the Agency millions of dollars with relatively little or no benefit. The percentage of documents declassified has been negligible.

With the inception of E.O. 12065 in 1978, the Agency was faced with a ten year backlog of material ready for systematic review and was given ten years to become current. Therefore, by 1988, the Agency should be reviewing material as it becomes twenty years old on a current basis. In spite of the resources expended on the systematic review program, the Agency will not come close to meeting the 1988 goal. Based on the present production rate, the Agency would not even meet 50% of its goal by 1988. It is estimated that the costs for the systematic review program would more than double if the goal is to be met. ~~The statistics~~ furnished

are approximate figures ~~only~~ and based ~~only~~ on estimates.

~~Attached are~~ ^{the} questions ^{attached} are those we believe most likely to be asked by the

The answers to these questions are based on estimates ~~from~~ by the managers of the systematic review program.